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Viewing cable 09STATE127235, C/NF) NICARAGUAN CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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| Reference ID | Created | Released | Classification | Origin |
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Classified By: ELISSA G. PITTERLE, DIRECTOR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

11. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE NICARAGUAN MILITARY AND ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE NICARAGUAN MILITARY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DANIEL ORTEGA'S ADMINISTRATION AND HIS INTERACTIONS WITH THE MILITARY. AS TIME AND RESOURCES ALLOW, WE WELCOME POST'S INSIGHT INTO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.

1A. (S/NF) WHAT PLANS DOES ORTEGA HAVE ON CHANGING THE MILITARY LAW? REF A SUGGESTS THAT ORTEGA WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RETURN RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS LOYAL TO HIM TO POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY BY A

1B. (S/NF) MAJOR GENERAL JULIO CESAR AVILES CASTILLO HAS BEEN NOMINATED AND ACCEPTED AS THE NEXT HEAD OF THE NICARAGUAN ARMY. WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DOES AVILES HAVE WITH ORTEGA AND WITH ROSARIO MURILLO? DOES AVILES MAINTAIN TIES TO VENEZUELAN MILITARY

1C. (S/NF) WHAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT IS THERE WITHIN THE MILITARY FOR THE FSLN? HOW MANY OR WHAT PERCENT OF THE MILITARY IS REGISTERED AS A MEMBER OF THE FSLN PARTY?

1D. (S/NF) GIVEN THAT THE NICARAGUAN CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS RETIRED MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS FROM ENGAGING IN POLITICS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER

12. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-02474 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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